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LETTER DATED 25 NOVEMBER 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, and with reference to the letter from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait addressed to you and issued as Security Council document S/24806, I should like to state the following:

1. The two incubators mentioned are unfit for use and had been removed from maintenance storage at the time, as they were in need of repair and had a sheet of paper affixed to them, stamped by the maintenance department of the Kuwaiti Ministry of Health, which stated that they were out of order and needed servicing.

2. A news team, consisting of the CNN television network, Agence France Presse, Associated Press, United Press and Radio Monte Carlo, actually saw the incubators in the Kuwaiti hospitals and witnessed the health staff caring for the sleeping children. Film and sound recordings of this were immediately made after the lies concerning the incubators were proclaimed in the United States Congress, where the above media gave accounts of what they had seen before the whole world.

3. The purpose of removing the said incubators was to repair, service and subsequently return them.

4. The Iraqi side has every intention of handing over Kuwaiti property, irrespective of the propaganda tricks and cheap allegations resorted to by the Kuwaiti side to cover up the scandal unveiled as a result of the dramatic allegations made by the Kuwaiti ambassador's daughter that she had seen, with her own eyes, the incubators being removed, even though they were not actually in Kuwait at the time. The scandal cannot therefore be covered up by casting about for instances such as these.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative